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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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Dear Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, whichever occurred first, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.97(d)). Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

Of the documents listed on the attached SB/08 are the documents cited by the European Search Authority during the examination of the corresponding European patent application No. 03792166.5, which corresponds to the above referenced application. The Search Report, together with the Examination Report, copies are attached herewith, was mailed to Applicants on November 23, 2007. The undersigned hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), that the

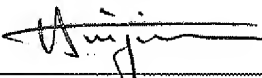
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(2), Applicants hereby submit these documents for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed.

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